Publication of Grandhavaris and Ozhukus prior to 1012 M. E.

17. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to print the *Grandhavaris* and *Ozhukus* of fields and gardens, of the year 1012 M. E. and of previous epochs, so far as they are available, in order that interested parties may be able to get copies of the same without delay and disappointment ?

(*b*) Are the Government aware that in several cases applicants for copies of *Ozhukus*, etc., have been disappointed by the taluk authorities on the plea that the originals were not forthcoming?

MR. T. P RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Government do not think it necessary to have the *Grandhavaris* and *Ozhukus* of the year 1012 M. E. and of earlier periods printed so long after the last settlement. The work will be voluminous and will be out of proportion to any resulting advantages. The rules for the grant of copies of records from Revenue Offices permit the grant of copies of *Ozhukus* ; and Government have, in addition, issued circular instructions that copies of *Ozhukus*, when available, should be issued to parties on their application.

(*b*) Government have no information.

Scholarships to Pupils belonging to Depressed Classes.

18. **MR. S. GNANA JOSHUA** (*Nominated*) : (*a*) Are the Government aware of the difficulties experienced by students belonging to the depressed classes to get the closed scholarships as these classes are now clubbed together for such scholarships with the backward communities ?

(*b*) If not, will the Government be pleased to call for a report on the matter from the Director of Public Instruction with a view to earmark a fixed number of closed scholarships for each of the depressed classes according to the numerical strength ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) An examination for the award of scholarships is to be held for the first time in the current school-year and the Government would prefer to see the results of the examination before considering any such separation of the classes as is suggested.

(*b*) The question does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

Widening of the Alwaye Railway Bridge.

19. **MR. C. P. TARAKAN** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state at what stage the question of widening the railway bridge at Alwaye now stands ?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : The Government are informed that the South Indian Railway authorities have undertaken a survey of the Shoranur-Ernakulam Railway with a view to its conversion into a Broad Gauge line. It has therefore been decided to suspend operations on the bridge as a large portion of bridge works would be wasted if the gauge is widened as contemplated.

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